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report on the Novator uranium mine at Rybnicek (N 50-37, E 16-00) near Trutnov. A sketch shows the location of the mine.

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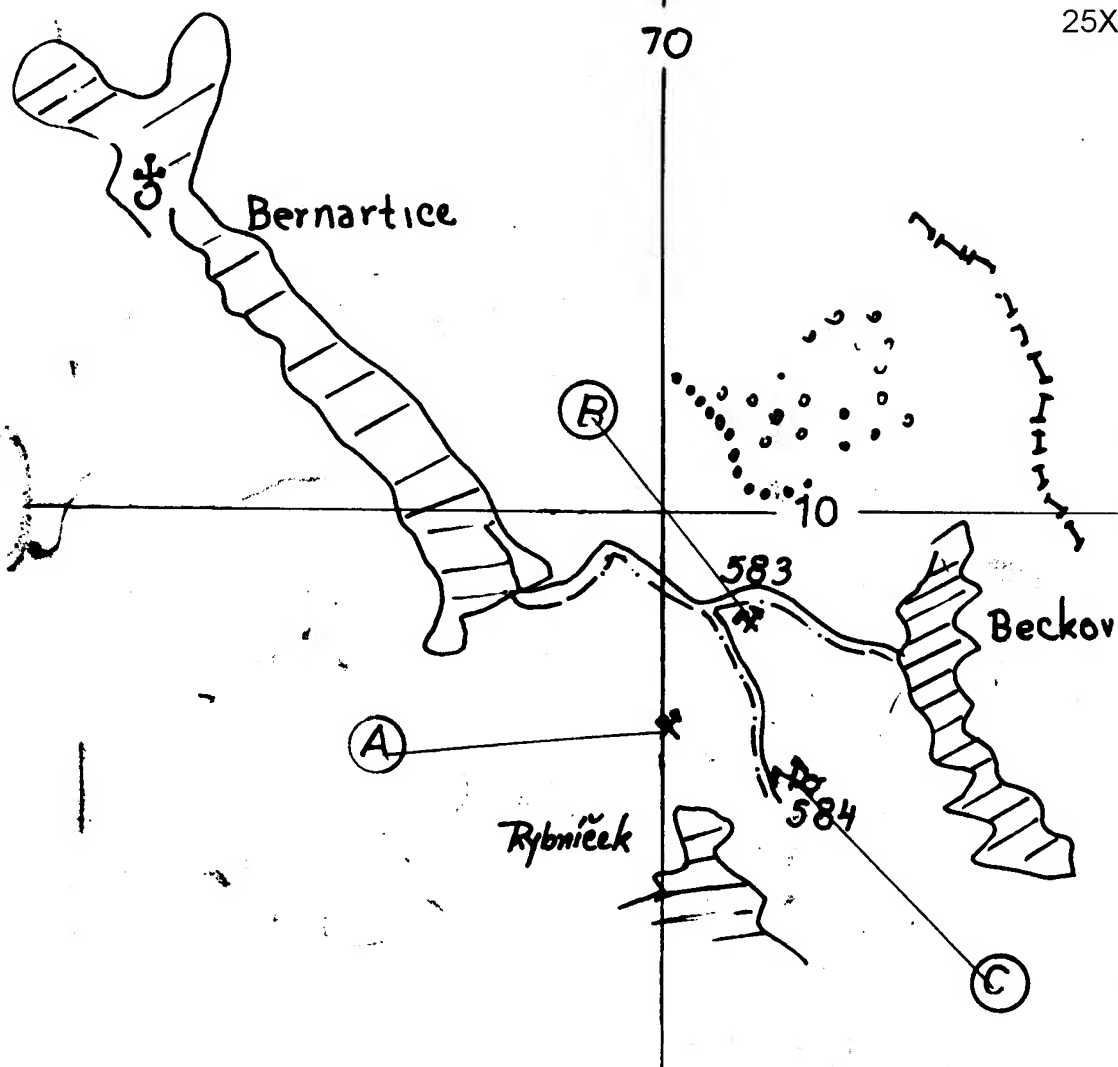
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1. History: In about 1933 a black-coal mine was opened nearby the Rybnicek village, District Trutnov. Because the coal was not sufficiently aged for mining the mine was closed in 1936. In 1951, test-drills were being done for purpose of finding radioactive material. It was discovered that the coal contains a considerable amount of uranium ore. In 1953, test mining has been started at first in the original coal mine then the #3 shaft was reopened. A completely new shaft, #4, was opened, which is about 800 meters in the south direction. In 1956 (in May) about 1,000 people were working here and the number was by no means sufficient.
2. Output: During one shift in one shaft only about 200-250 standard type mining carts. The output was approximately the same at both shafts. The output after the sorting of material was around 30 up to 70 carts per one shift. The radioactive coal was transported by six Tatra 111 truck mine to the railroad station Kralovec and then by train to Vrchlabi, where the material was processed and finally shipped to Russia. The coal not containing uranium ore was shipped to some of the neighboring power plants.
3. Employees: There are about 1,000 workers at the two shafts. Recruitment of new miners is continuing as it is estimated that for full exploitation another 500 persons are needed. An average salary is approximately 1,500 crowns; however, there are miners earning as much as 3,000 crowns per month. The #3 shaft works 3 shifts; #4 shaft works two shifts only as there are not enough miners for the third shift.
4. Miscellaneous information and information on some personnel: The Novotar mine is under the Jachymov mine Inspectorate at Trutnov. The mine is being guarded by Plant's guard, Brigade worker, who are about 70% of the total number of employees, are billeted in the wooden-hut housing development at Horni Masova. There are about 10 wooden houses and kitchen.

Plant's director for the #4 shaft: Ing. (fau) Brskovec: [redacted]

Mine's foreman: (fau) Kykrla: [redacted]

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Chief foreman: (fn) Semerek, [redacted]Chief taskmaster: (fn) Welheim, [redacted]

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Plant's Council chairman: (fn) Vach, [redacted]

5. Description of the Nevotar mine:

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- (A) The original coal mine - northward from the Rymnicek hamlet, on the south tip of Bernatice village (marked on all maps). In this/the mining was done only for research purposes. Presently it is called ^{mine} 'SUNT'!
- (B) Shaft #3 - located by the Bernatice - Bechov road at about 583 meters elev. point.
- (C) Shaft #4 - approximately 800 meters south at about 584 meters elev. point. This shaft is newly built in contradistinction to shaft #3 which is a newly reopened mine. From the shaft #3 to shaft #4 leads a new connecting road.

The shafts have standard mining equipment used at all Jachymov area mines. The area was not in 1956 completely ~~defensed~~ in. Shaft #3 has so far one gallery only at about 130 meters depth. Shaft #4 had in 1956 (May) also only one gallery at an approx. depth 80-100 meters but another gallery was to be started.

Management for both shafts is located in a masonry building, ground floor, on the #4 shaft area. There are also some wooden huts belonging to the management. Both shafts have their own sorting sheds.

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